

Our ref: Sundown Solar Farm (SSD-8911)

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Subject: Sundown Solar Farm - Response to Submissions

Dear Mr Currah

The exhibition of the development application and environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Sundown Solar Farm (SSD-8911) ended on 3 August 2023. The Department notes that advice from Transport for NSW, the Biodiversity Conservation and Science Directorate, Crown Lands and Inverell Shire Council are still outstanding and will be forwarded to you once received. We have placed submissions on the NSW planning portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects.

Once you have had a chance to review the submissions, the Department would like to meet with you to discuss the issues raised. These include Aboriginal cultural heritage and agricultural land surveys.

We now require a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 59(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (the Regulations). The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development / Infrastructure Guidelines including Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

We also require a response to the issues raised by agencies in their advice. This response should be incorporated into the submissions report. Please lodge your submissions report by 29 September 2023 via the NSW planning portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Planning Secretary receives your response is not included in the 'assessment period' under section 94(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Nixey, on (02) 9274 6379 or via email at andy.nixey@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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